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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOSAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fish Hatchery Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CLOSING PROPAGATION FISH**
2 **HATCHERIES OR REPURPOSING PRIORITIES**
3 **FOR PROPAGATION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior
5 may not permanently close, reprogram, repurpose, decom-
6 mission, significantly alter, or move to caretaker status
7 any fish and other aquatic species propagation hatchery
8 or propagation program within the National Fish Hatch-
9 ery System of the Department of the Interior unless such
10 action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This section shall be effec-
12 tive during the period beginning November 1, 2013, and
13 ending upon the expiration of the 10-year period begin-
14 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act.